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TOPIC Military Information from Fuerstenwalde.

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REMARKS                     

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1. On 15 October 1953, the Pionier Kaserne in Fuerstenwalde quartered 250 to 300 men with red-bordered black epaulets, about 75 percent of them with tank insignia, besides 50 to 60 men who wore black-bordered black epaulets. No regular training activities were observed. Driving school with tanks and motor vehicles was conducted in the wooded area northwest of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne (airfield barracks) and west of the railroad line to Neuendorf-Buchholz. On 15 October, JS-I tank                      in this area.

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2. The barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse quartered about 300 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, half of them with artillery insignia, the other half with tank insignia. The weapons of about 10 men were being inspected in the western portion of the billeting area. One 132-mm rocket launcher was also seen.

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3. The airfield barracks quartered about 250 men with red-bordered black epaulets, 50 percent of them with artillery and 10 percent with motor transport insignia. The eastern portion of the installation quartered a headquarters and an administrative agency. Almost exclusively officers and woman soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen there. Some German motor vehicles were also seen entering the eastern portion of the installation. On 15 October,                      about 120 men firing with machine guns and carbines in the billeting area and about 20 men being trained with two artillery pieces at the airfield.

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4. On 6 October, the Pionier Kaserne quartered soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with tank, signal, and motor transport insignia. According to a local resident, about 400 men were continuously rotated to Lieberose. Except for firing practices, no training activities were observed in the billeting area between 2 and 6 October.

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5. The barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse quartered soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal, and motor transport insignia. [REDACTED] about 500 men were continuously rotated from the installation to Lieberose. Hardly any training activities were observed in the billeting area during the reporting period. Artillery fire was heard from the direction of Palmnicken on 5 and 6 October. Motor vehicles seen near the barracks installation [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED]
7. On 12 October, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse quartered about 200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 10 October, [REDACTED] 24 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entering the installation. On this day, about 20 trucks were parked in the billeting area. On 12 October, source saw about 160 men near the installation. [REDACTED]

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8. On 10 October, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. [REDACTED] were seen near the installation. 2 [REDACTED] tank units had held an exercise in the wooded area southwest of Langewahl on 10 or 11 October. Subsequently [REDACTED] the area involved was blocked to civilian traffic. 1

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1. Comment. As late as mid-September, the two barracks installations were much more heavily occupied by component units of the 7th Gds Meck Div. Since already at that time units of the division were stationed in Berlin, while other elements of it were assumed to have been rotated to Lieberose, the present report indicates that the units from Fuerstenwalde conducted exercises in the vicinity of their posts and that these exercises were not yet completed on 15 October. Palmnicken is north of Fuerstenwalde, Langewahl southeast of this town. The observation of a rocket launcher at the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse cannot be commented upon.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. During the reported period, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne apparently quartered elements of the 63d AAA Div (US). It is unknown, whether these elements participated in the exercises mentioned in [REDACTED] Comment 1 or whether they still were at the Wustrow AAA range. 25X1

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